

NOTED COOLEY GANG

Outdoes Jesse James in Western Pennsylvania.

THE FARMERS SO TERRORIZED

That Few of Their Depredations Become Known—Officers and Detectives Cowed—A Band of Robbers that Has Everything Its Own Way.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 20.—Southern Fayette county citizens are being terrorized and robbed almost nightly and the notorious Cooley gang are the principal perpetrators. Friday night the smokehouse of James McCormick, of near Smithfield, was broken into and its contents, the meat of five hogs just butchered, were carried away. The night before ten barrels of apples were stolen from a neighbor's orchard, and the same night two other farmers each lost ten to fifteen barrels of corn.

Notices were posted near the scenes of the robberies, notifying the owners that if any effort was made to have the "visitors" arrested the houses of such owners would be burned over their heads. Farmers live in mortal terror of the gang, not one of them having the courage to make an information against the gang, although they have positive evidence that they are the guilty parties.

A farmer of Georges county was in town this afternoon, and gave the following information:

THE STATEMENT OF ONE WHO KNOWS.

There are twenty-five members of the Cooley gang, and they are organized as completely as was Jesse James' band. I am positive of this, for I talked to one of their number only yesterday. He had just returned from a scout through Preston county, W. Va., and told me that was a poor locality for their business, and that he was nearly starved.

He had come back to "God's country" to get something to eat. He told me that a Pittsburgh detective had been in the neighborhood all last week trying to learn the movements of the gang and that on Saturday night the detective went into Jack Cooley's cabin and asked for something to eat and a night's lodging. Jack took him in, supposing him to be some unfortunate fellow, and gave him a good supper.

About 9 o'clock Frank Cooley, the leader of the gang, came in, and at once "spotted" the detective, telling him that he knew who he was and what he was after, and the sooner he made tracks for Pittsburgh the better it would be for him; that if he was found sneaking around here by this time to-morrow he would "put daylight through him quicker than greased lightning."

DETECTIVES AND THE SHERIFF STEER CLEAR.

The detective left and has not been seen or heard of since. The fellow says Sheriff McCormick knows better than to attempt to arrest them again, for they have given him warning that if he does he will be killed.

"Why," he said, we are so well organized that if Sheriff McCormick comes within five miles of our headquarters we would know it at once. We have this business down fine, and we propose to keep it up until a smarter and more nervy set of officers tackle us than have showed up yet, and a larger number, too. We are so well organized that it would take a posse of men ten to one of our number to capture us, and then we believe they could not succeed."

The farmer said a member of the Cooleys' gang often stopped and talked to farmers as they passed along the road and discussed their exploits in a peculiar manner. The farmers would reply in the same vein in order not to incur the enmity of the band.

"If they are satisfied that you are friendly disposed toward them," the farmer continued, "they will not molest you, unless it be to take a ham, some chickens or a crock of butter; but if they ever believe you to be their enemy, look out. They will poison your stock, kill your dogs and get revenge in any way they can. Hundreds of their depredations have never reached the ears of the public, because the victims are afraid to tell of them for fear of greater vengeance."

AT THE THEATRES.

Good Attractions the rule these Days at both Houses—What is to Come.

The people who chronically growl at the poor attractions that come to Wheeling are not saying much now. The current season bids fair to be a memorable one in the annals of the local stage for the fine attractions afforded. One of the best of these, and one of the most highly appreciated was Nat Goodwin in "The Nominee" at the Opera House Saturday night. It is not often that this city can enjoy performance by two such representative comedians as Jefferson and Goodwin within a week. Goodwin in this comedy is Goodwin. He did not so much create the part as it was created for him, and the result was very pleasing to the audience, which filled all parts of the house to overflowing, and laughed uproariously and applauded wildly by turns. At the end of each act Mr. Goodwin was called out.

At the Grand Saturday night the Melville sisters closed their week's engagement. It was a success throughout, and deservedly so. This was the best company playing at the prices seen here for years.

FRANK HENNIG IN FRISCO.

Readers of the INTELLIGENCER will be glad to learn that Frank Hennig, of this city, is winning a high place in the histrionic ranks by his work on the Pacific slope. The San Francisco *Music and Drama*, in its notice of Mr. Keene's "Othello," has this: "Frank Hennig as *Jago* deserves great credit. This young actor is just at the commencement of his career as a leading man, and of a heavier responsibility could not have been imposed upon him. He was nervous during his first scene, which proved that he realized the importance of his undertaking; but he soon gained confidence and gave an intelligent and meritorious performance. There were several defects he would do well to remedy before again attempting the part: *Jago* should present himself to *Othello* as a rough, blunt, honest soldier, but Mr. Hennig conveys the idea that he was more of a courtier; also, when called upon to display his real feeling towards *Othello* by facial expression he should exhibit hatred or malignant joy; whereas he seems to regard his general with loathing. However, much praise is due to this clever young actor, and he well deserved the call which he shared with Mr. Keene."

WILBUR OPERA COMPANY TO-NIGHT.

This evening the celebrated Wilbur Opera Company will commence a week's engagement at the Grand. The new

comic opera, "Fanchette," will be the opening production, and Tuesday, "Falka"; Wednesday matinee, "Fra Diavolo"; Wednesday night, "Nanon"; Thursday, "Princess Toto"; Christmas matinee, "Mascotte"; Christmas night, "Erminio"; Saturday matinee, "Fanchette"; and Saturday night, "Erminio." The Wilbur opera company has the reputation of being one of the best comic opera companies, as well as the largest, in America to-day, and they are sure to do a big business the entire week. Seats are now on sale at Genthers.

"MISS PRUE" ON CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas attraction at the opera house for several years has been Lizzie Evans, and she has established herself here as a primo favorite. She will be here again Friday and Saturday, two matinees and two night performances, in her new play, "Miss Prue," which is the work of Martha Morton, authoress of "The Merchant," the New York *World* prize play. It is a domestic drama of the general school of "Hazel Kirk," and both laughter and tears attend its performance.

EMERSON CONCERT COMPANY.

The Walter Emerson Concert will have a fine audience next Tuesday evening in the Opera House. Seats are on sale at F. W. Baumer & Company's music store. The company will give a superior concert.

STAGE SNOW FLAKES.

Gossip about the Drama and Footlight Favorites.

The only attraction at the Martin's Ferry Opera House this week will be "Nell's Dad," by home talent on Christmas and the night following. The cast will consist of W. I. Brown, H. W. Gauding, Lou Englemire, S. G. Garrett, Wm. Galt, George S. Moore, Homer Morris, Will T. Owen, Miss Allie Owen and Miss Aggie Glendon.

The New York *Gazette* says: Charles F. Crisp, the newly-elected speaker of the house, is, I understand, a brother of the late actor, Harry Crisp, who made such a memorable mark as *Ned Singleton*, in Aldrich and Parelo's famous production of "My Partner."

Stuart Robson has given the stage his best work as *Tony Lumpkin*, in his superb revival of "She Stoops to Conquer." Even "The Henrietta" has not drawn greater crowds, and artistically the present piece ranks above all his previous productions.

Marie Hubert Frohman will appear in "The Witch" at the Wheeling Opera House February 9 and 10. It has made a sensation wherever seen, and Miss Frohman is accorded a front place among emotional actresses.

Nat Goodwin, jr., has a new play, entitled "A Gay Deceiver," from the pen of Charles L. Vincent. It is an adaptation of "Le Voyage d'Agreement," from which Charles Wyndham's "Fourteen Days" was taken.

The late W. J. Florence made his first starring tour in a farce, called "The Irish Boy and Yankee Girl." Mrs. Florence went with him and was among the first to present Spanish dances on the American stage.

Frank Hennig proved thoroughly competent as the ghost in Hamlet, and was regarded with considerable curiosity by the unemployed members of the perches. —*San Francisco Post*.

A Western critic writes of a well-known soubrette: "She is as graceful as a cat, shows her teeth like a pet terrier, and her singing resembles a gas pipe laid on the wrong street."

Manager Thomas Stowaway Davis is thinking of taking his play of "The Stowaway," along with Spike Hennessy and Kid McCoy, on a three years' tour through the antipodes.

Aubrey Boucicault, son of the great Dion, is to take unto himself a wife, and the name of the lady is Amy Bushby. Both are members of Stuart Robson's company.

The next play Mr. Charles H. Hoyt will write after "A Temperance Town" is produced has been named "A Man Born in Missouri."

William M. Flynn, of the Fanny Davenport company, will hereafter be professionally known as William Flynn Courtleigh.

Geo. Fleming, of Monongalia county, a relative of Governor Fleming, takes a leading character in "Our Country Cousin."

Louis James' daughter has gone on the stage and joined Roland Reed's company. She is the daughter of his first wife.

Stuart Robson says marriage is not a failure with him, as his receipts have increased ever since his took place.

Monday night is said to be the worst night of the week in New York and Saturday night the best.

THE W. & C. RAILROAD.

What a Waynesburg, Pa., Man Has to Say About the Project.

W. H. Evans, one of the editors of the *Waynesburg Republican*, was in Washington this morning, accompanied by his wife and daughter, en route to Parkersburg, W. Va., says Saturday's *Washington, Pa., Journal*. Mr. Evans states that the people of his county are greatly concerned about the route of the Wheeling & Connellsville railroad, and are leaving no stone unturned that will in any way advance their chances. Like all Waynesburg people, he is confident that the most feasible route is by way of that place, and that the officials of the proposed road will finally come to the same conclusion. While it is natural for Washington county people to desire that the line should go their way, he thinks our railroad facilities are already good, and that we should give Greene county a chance.

Mr. Evans is of the belief that the proposed railroad from Mannington, W. Va., to Waynesburg, where it will connect with the W. & W. R. R., will be a good, and that it will be a paying line. While, of course, he would like to see the Mt. Morris branch built, he is not so confident of its success.

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UNITED STATES COURT.

Two Interesting Cases Decided at Martinsburg.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 20.—Two very important cases have engaged the attention of the United States court here since Thursday at noon. At that time the case of the King Bridge company, of Ohio, against Harrison county, was taken up, and quite a vigorous fight was waged between Attorney Clifford, of Clarksburg, and Flick and Westenhaver, for Harrison county, and Attorneys Scott and Faulkner and Ingles for the bridge company. The case was ruled out of court on the ground that action ought to have been taken against the sheriff of the county and not against the county, but if a levy had not at that time been made for the building of the bridges a mandamus could now be issued against the county court compelling them to make a levy or raise the necessary funds.

Yesterday was taken up with the case of Randolph Strider's administrator against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company for \$10,000 damages. Strider was killed below Harper's Ferry last June. Ex-Governor Winger conducted the prosecution, and Messrs. Hutchison, of Parkersburg, and E. Boyd Faulkner the defense. The verdict was given for the railroad company.

THE BLAINE DIVORCE CASE.

Two Hours Occupied in Taking Testimony Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 20.—The reference in Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr.'s suit for divorce was continued yesterday in the office of Daniel Lord, jr., the referee. Two o'clock was the hour set for the parties in the case to meet, and a few minutes before that time young Mr. Blaine arrived. None of the other parties had arrived, and he sat in a chair in the outer office to await their pleasure. Mrs. Blaine did not arrive until 2:30. She came unattended, except by her lawyer.

Three or four witnesses were examined and the taking of evidence occupied about two hours. At the close of the session Mrs. Blaine was driven up town. She was pale and seemed very nervous. It was said that Mrs. Blaine told to the house of her friend, Mrs. Ogden Doremus, to remain with her during the rest of her stay in New York. She still retains her rooms at the New York hotel.

A SHORTAGE OF GAS

Makes Lots of Grip at Marietta, Ohio, and Vicinity.

MARIETTA, Dec. 20.—The grip is running wild in this community. There are now over 600 well-defined cases of the disease, and there were seven deaths, all traced directly to the malady, yesterday. Other deaths have occurred to-day, but the exact number cannot be ascertained.

A number of conditions have combined to bring about this state of affairs—chiefly the long continued prevalence of damp weather, coupled with the insufficient supply of natural gas, upon which the majority of the people here depend for fuel. The low temperature and clear weather during the past 48 hours have tended to check the epidemic.

THE STRIP SOLD.

Cherokees are to be Paid \$9,000,000 for the Much-Coveted Land.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., Dec. 20.—Word has been received by telephone to-day that the Cherokee council and the United States commission have at last agreed upon the Cherokee strip for the consideration of \$9,000,000.

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